



Making Rounds

Monthly Internal Newsletter from Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine

Upcoming Events

APRIL 17-19	Special Species Symposium
APRIL 21	Baker Institute Seminar Series: Dr. Marc Pelletier presents "Defects in the regulatory clearance mechanisms for apoptotic cell debris favour the breakdown of self-tolerance during spontaneous autoimmune orchitis"
	Dept. of Biomedical Sciences Seminar Series: Dr. Yanming Wang presents "Covalent histone modifications in the regulation of p53 target genes"
APRIL 24-25	Large Animal Symposium
APRIL 26	SCAVMA Community Dog Wash
APRIL 28	Dept. of Biomedical Sciences Seminar Series: Dr. Wayne Frankel presents "New and old genetic models of epilepsy in mice: progress, prospects, and challenges"
APRIL 27- MAY 1	34th Eastern Fish Health Workshop
MAY 1	Seminars in Infection and Immunity: Dr. Peter Palese presents "Pathogenicity of pandemic influenza viruses"
MAY 2	2009 Pedal for Pets Bike-A-Thon
MAY 5	Dept. of Biomedical Sciences Seminar Series: Dr. Thomas Gridley presents "Notch signaling in mice"
MAY 12	Dept. of Biomedical Sciences Seminar Series: Dr. Nita J. Maihle presents "ErbB receptor isoform profiling in human cancer; implications for coupled diagnostics/therapeutics"
MAY 18	Honor Day
MAY 23	Hooding Ceremony
MAY 24	Commencement Ceremony
MAY 30	Basic Canine Physical Rehabilitation Workshop

APRIL IS PET FIRST AID MONTH!!

When it might be a good idea to take your pet to the Cornell University Hospital for Animals...



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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students:

The following letter will be sent to all veterinary practitioners in New York State as well as those in a few neighboring counties in New Jersey and Connecticut. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Mike

Dear Veterinary Colleagues:

As a result of our recent strategic planning process, which involved faculty, students, and external stakeholders, the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine is exploring options for establishing a satellite referral teaching facility in the New York Metropolitan area. I would like to share with you the reasons why we feel this initiative is vital for the College, as well as what this clinic will do and how it will operate. I have had many conversations with practitioners, faculty, students, and alumni over the course of the last several months and appreciate the time and thoughts that have been shared; I also look forward to additional conversations as we move toward implementation of this component of our plan. Recently, I met with Drs. Paul Amerling and Pat Collins, President and President-Elect, respectively, of the Westchester Rockland Veterinary Medical Society, to discuss our plans and to solicit suggestions as to ways in which the College can contribute to and enhance local veterinary practices, while pursuing our strategic goals. We also discussed the need to directly communicate our plans and vision with all veterinarians in the region, and I am grateful to Paul and Pat for their excellent advice and suggestions.

As the College looks to maintain its role in continually strengthening our profession, it is imperative that our students and house staff see cases that reflect the entire spectrum of veterinary medicine. In Ithaca, our students are increasingly seeing cases that require tertiary care – non-typical and advanced cases that are at the most critical end of the spectrum. Similarly, our house staff, who are some of the most highly selected graduate veterinarians in the country, are increasingly presented with a range of

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cases that is less than optimal for their training. Nationally, an increasing percentage of residents are being trained in a private referral practice setting that provides limited exposure to academic medicine, decreasing the likelihood that they will develop into the academic trainers and clinician-scientists of the future. These are trends that we expect to continue, and to which Cornell and other veterinary colleges are responding in an effort to ensure the outstanding preparation of the next generation of clinicians and clinician educators/scientists.

At the proposed satellite teaching facility that we expect to locate north of New York City, Cornell house staff will spend regular rotations assisting staff veterinarians, experiencing a broader caseload, and seeing more typical cases. Similarly, veterinary students will observe a more typical referral and emergency practice, learning the pace and expectations of real life medicine and surgery. This model, which has been successfully implemented by numerous human and veterinary academic medical centers, will foster the training of specialists in an environment that includes academic medical support, more closely linking clinical research and specialty medicine. It will also provide the College and the profession with extended opportunities to advance evidence-based medicine through rigorous clinical trials. Importantly, our satellite referral hospital will not engage in general practice, but rather provide the highest quality of specialty medicine available to clients referred by area veterinarians. Following treatment, clients will be sent back to referring veterinarians for appropriate follow up as soon as possible. Referred clients and patients will also have access to leading specialists affiliated with the nation's top-ranked veterinary college, and accordingly to the most cutting edge procedures and protocols. The referral center may also offer 24-hour emergency and critical care services, but this will depend on a variety of factors.

In addition, the metropolitan practice will enable us to extend our continuing education and outreach initiatives, bringing them closer to practices in the New York Metropolitan and Hudson Valley areas. We envision workshops and lectures that will foster interactions between referring veterinarians, specialists, house staff, students, and technicians that will enhance our outreach mission.

I want to assure you that in pursuing these efforts, I will continue to consult and collaborate with veterinarians and stakeholders across the state, and will share updates as the exploratory process develops and our plans become more specific. In the meantime, if you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael I. Kotlikoff, VMD, PhD
Austin O. Hooey Dean of Veterinary Medicine

4TH ANNUAL RESIDENT RESEARCH SEMINAR

The 4th Annual Resident Research Seminar was held on March 20, 2009.

Each year the college trains more than 60 residents in 20 veterinary specialty disciplines. The annual Resident Research Seminar gives residents the opportunity to gain experience writing a scientific abstract and gives them a forum to present the information to the Cornell community. The Resident Research Seminar showcases the research of house officers and encourages collaboration between academic departments and sections.

The 4th annual event was completely sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition and Merial. Twenty-one residents representing 13 disciplines presented oral abstracts. The quality of the science presented by our house officers was outstanding. Five judges recognized the following residents for awards:

Dr. Jessica McArt: Overall Scientific and Presentation Excellence – First Place (\$500) – “Ovsynch versus Ultrasynch: A Clinical Trial of Breeding Efficiency Utilizing Corpus Luteum Function,” JA McArt, L Caixeta, V Machado, CL Guard, RC Bicalho

Dr. Theresa Ollivett: Overall Scientific and Presentation Excellence – Second Place (\$250) – “Effect of Nutritional Plane on Health and Performance in Dairy Calves After Experimental Infection with *Cryptosporidium Parvum*,” TL Ollivett, DV Nydam, T Linden, D Bowman, M Van Amburgh

Dr. Ajay Sharma: Presentation Excellence (\$250) – “Diagnostic Accuracy of Abdominal Ultrasonography and Radiography for Mechanical Ileus in Dogs: Preliminary Results,” A Sharma, M Thompson, P Scrivani, A Yeager, N Dykes, H Erb

Honorable Mention for the following:

Dr. Heather Priest - “Transferrin Receptor Expression in Canine Lymphoma,” HL Priest, TS Stokol, SP McDonough, HN Erb, KM Rassnick, PJ Fisher

Dr. Dominic Dawson – “Opsonization of *Rhodococcus Equi* with High Antibody Plasma Decreases Bacterial Viability and Promotes Phagocytic Activation,” DR Dawson, MJ Flaminio, D Nydam, JE Graham, M Cynamon, TJ Divers

We appreciate the efforts of the judges and congratulate the winners and their collaborators, as well as all of the residents that participated in the seminar.

Respectfully yours,

The 2009 Resident Research Seminar Planning Committee: Dr. Ken Rassnick (Chair), Dr. Ursula Krotscheck, Dr. Peter Scrivani, Dr. Gillian Perkins, Dr. Jamie Morrissey, Dr. John Ludders, Dr. Marc Kraus, Dr. Lisa Fortier, Dr. Julia Flaminio, Dr. Richard Goldstein, Dr. Nishi Dhupa, Dr. Sean McDonough, Dr. Curtis Dewey

Additional information about the Annual Resident Research Day can be found on the internal website: <http://students.vet.cornell.edu/resident>

TO LEARN AND LEND A HAND IN HONDURAS

It was 10 days of opportunities: to explore a different culture; to sharpen their creative problem-solving skills; to practice their clinical skills; and to protect the ecosystem upon which we all depend.

“Wildlife is part of a delicate system hanging in the balance,” said Tamika Lewis DVM ‘09, who was a member of the first group of students to participate in the International Veterinary Medicine Abroad program. “The system is inherently fragile, and it is tested every day by decisions people make. Animals, humans, and nature are all connected, and veterinarians are instrumental in ensuring the system thrives.”

Lewis was one of seven students from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University to travel to Honduras in January 2009 with the goal of helping local animal caretakers improve the quality of life for captive native wildlife. Care can be

difficult, Lewis explained, in this developing nation where resources are scarce and the desire to help the animals is overwhelming.

Accompanied by Drs. Jamie Morrissey and Marisa Bezjian, senior lecturer of exotic and wildlife medicine and zoological medicine resident, respectively, the students consulted with the owners of Macaw Mountain, Copan Ruins, and Rancho San Luis. They gave a spider monkey a vasectomy, transported a jaguar to a more suitable habitat, learned how to properly restrain caiman, treated lacerations on a boa constrictor, examined dozens of scarlet macaws, and recommended numerous diet and enrichment opportunities for animals as diverse as a box turtle and tropical fish.

“At Cornell’s Hospital, the exotics service is an elective rotation,” said Lewis. “As such, we may not have the opportunity to work

with a high volume of different species of birds or other exotic animals during our clinical rotations. Practicing veterinary medicine in a tropical country gave us the opportunity to add depth to our portfolio of cases.”

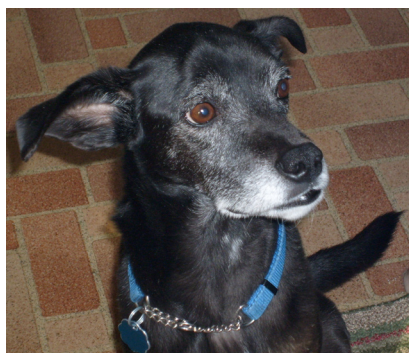
To prepare for the trip, students familiarized themselves with the husbandry and diet needs of Honduran wildlife and practiced conducting physical exams and drawing blood. On-site, they put these skills to use doing hands-on work and making creative—and inexpensive—suggestions for diet, habitat, and enrichment activities.

“The experience was an eye-opener,” said Lewis. “It can be easy to forget that we have opportunities and advantages in the United States that people in other nations might consider luxuries. Our recommendations had to make use of available resources and could really only ‘cost’ time.”

“THE ONLY WAY OF FINDING THE LIMITS OF THE POSSIBLE IS BY GOING BEYOND THEM INTO THE IMPOSSIBLE.”

~ARTHUR C. CLARKE

THE TRUE VALUE OF A BLOOD BANK LIVES AND BREATHES



CJ was just a puppy when he was spotted crawling out of a ditch along a major highway. He had a broken hind leg and a fractured front leg, but the splintered bones healed well and Jenifer Lee-Gonyea adopted him. Unfortunately, the accident also tore his diaphragm. A tiny hole that went unnoticed for years, it eventually grew large enough to swallow several organs, including some of his intestine, and to stop the blood supply to these organs. When Lee-Gonyea brought the long, lanky lab mix to the CUHA, he was lethargic with gastrointestinal problems, and he was bleeding internally. He needed surgery, but his platelet and red blood cell counts were too low.

The low platelet count increased the risks associated with surgery because it causes uncontrolled bleeding. With his low red blood cell count, CJ's blood was not carrying enough oxygen to his organs, putting him at risk for

organ failure. The CUHA team stabilized CJ with a transfusion of fresh whole blood from a local donor and frequently hard-to-find platelet concentrate, which is stored in the Hospital's on-site blood bank.

"He used every type of service and product our blood bank offers," said Dr. Maureen Luschini, who was the attending doctor. "We could not have done the surgery without the blood products that we get from donors. These products are a precious commodity."

To recover, CJ needed plasma and packed red blood cells, also available from the Hospital's blood bank.

The Hospital's blood bank, sponsored by Purina, Hills, and the College, is prepared to serve a wide variety of animals, including dogs, cats, ferrets, horses, pigs, goats, and cows. Different from traditional animal blood banks, Cornell's donors are not residents of the hospital. Instead, participants are "on call," brought into the Hospital as needed to donate a unit of blood. After the donation, the animals return home the same day.

"Cornell's donors live happy, healthy, normal lives in homes with families," said Ro Narbe, owner of Tessa and Dulcie, who have been donors for three years.

"Sometimes you'll see a dark side of donor programs—when animals are kept in cages so that they are available at any given moment. Cornell's donors are not treated that way. It's why I allow my dogs to participate."

Tessa and Dulcie are both rescued greyhounds. According to Narbe, greyhounds are particularly good donors because they have a universal blood type. Narbe brings them to the Hospital every couple of months to update the blood supply as the shelf life of blood products is only about three months.

Donors are thoroughly typed and tested for infectious diseases, and the blood bank includes every possible blood product—from whole blood provided on-the-spot to plasma to packed red blood cells and platelet concentrate.

"Providing this service is key to the Hospital's ability to successfully serve animals in critical condition," said Dr. Nishi Dhupa, director of professional services at CUHA. "Many of our patients are in life-threatening situations and time is not on their side."

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: CAMERON GURNEY



Years at CVM: 3 years

Position:

Manager, Large Animal Care

What does your job entail?

I'm responsible for the daily operations of the Equine and Farm Animal Hospital (EFA). I manage 12 attendants, who in addition to barn chores, also help our 30 clinicians with taking care of and handling patients. Our most important task is infectious disease control and reducing the spread of diseases.

What brought you to Cornell?

Before I came to Cornell, my wife and I were living in Eastern Long Island. We really wanted to have our own farm and since land is so hard to come by down there, we decided to look further upstate. After much searching, we decided to move to Cazenovia. Now we have a farm, live near a lake, and live near many fine colleges.

I knew some of the great veterinarians at Cornell as I had used Cornell's equine services before and had a tremendous amount of respect for their work (as well as I enjoyed

dealing with them!), which were really central to my decision to work here. My daily commute is about 3 hours, but I carpool with some other Cornellians, so it's not too bad!

What are some of your personal interests or hobbies?

My wife and I own a farm where we raise Thoroughbred racehorses, in addition to our two daughters, ages four and ten. We currently have 23 horses on the farm and 4 dogs. Eight of the horses are broodmares, which we use for breeding. We've already had one foal born this spring. Some of the horses that we've raised have raced at Saratoga Racetrack and Aqueduct Racetrack.

In my spare time, I enjoy surfing and playing tennis. Some of the best surfing that I have ever encountered was when I lived in Costa Rica for a year.

REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

While some students take a break from their studies over the summer, Jennifer Rokhsar, DVM '10, chose to dive in feet first last July, by conducting a four-week program that included disease surveillance and an exploration into the evolution of bats residing in Kenya.

Her trip was fully funded by an O.C. Hubert Student Fellowship in International Health, which is sponsored by the CDC Foundation. The program affords third- and fourth-year medical and veterinary students the opportunity to gain exposure to their chosen profession while working on a priority health problem in developing nations.

Rokhsar worked directly with members of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), looking for new lyssaviruses in bats from the end of July to the middle of August 2008. The Rabies virus is one

of the best known lyssaviruses.

Often working 22-hour days with an hour of sleep under the supervision of Drs. Ivan Kuzmin and Mike Niezgoda (of the CDC) and Bernard Agwanda (from the National Museum of Kenya), the goal was to collect as many samples as possible of bats—sick, healthy, and dead—in an attempt to find any new strains of lyssaviruses. Rokhsar performed between 20 and 40 necropsies every day.

One of the most enjoyable parts of the trip was all of the travel that it allowed her. She explained that she might never have an opportunity like this one again. Rokhsar travelled all over Kenya, from the coastal region by the Indian Ocean, to the savannah of Tsavo National Park.

The experience was very beneficial to Rokhsar, who's interested in epidemiology.



"This fellowship gave me hands-on, unique experiences in the field of public health, zoonotic diseases of wildlife, and what it takes to perform field work in a developing nation. It was very educational, learning under the watchful eyes of a large government organization like the CDC, and performing so many necropsies."

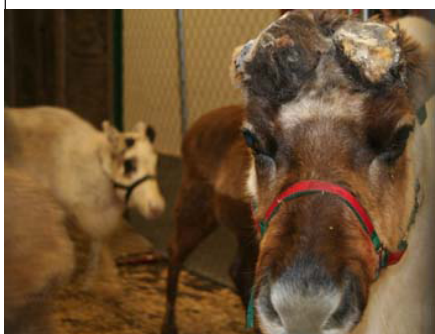
For further information about the O.C. Hubert Student Fellowship in International Health, please visit <http://www.cdcfoundation.org/fellowships/ochubert/index.aspx>.

2009 VET COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Several thousand community members attended the 2009 Open House, the College's opportunity to share the joys of our profession with the community. Veterinary students and members of the faculty and staff hosted this annual event, providing a chance for those interested to get a closer look at veterinary medicine. Students, faculty members, and staff were available to answer questions. Lectures and demonstrations included the ever-popular equine treadmill, what to do when an emergency strikes, and the role of veterinarians in protecting our food supply.



2009 VET COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CHARITABLE GIVING

A number of College of Veterinary Medicine faculty and staff have asked questions recently about making gifts to the College. The questions are often motivated by the difficult financial circumstances facing the University, the College and individual departments and programs. Philanthropy is a personal decision, and Dean Kotlikoff has made it clear that no one should ever feel obligated to give to Cornell. For those considering a gift, and for those who already give, please accept our sincere appreciation. We hope the following information – presented in the form of FAQs – is helpful.

How can a faculty or staff member make a gift to the College of Veterinary Medicine?

Gifts to Cornell can be made by check, credit card, appreciated assets or estate planning, and can be designated to the College of Veterinary Medicine or many of its entities and programs. Instructions for making gifts by mail or through a secure website can be found at <http://www.vet.cornell.edu/gifts/>.

How are gifts to the College of Veterinary Medicine used?

Dean Kotlikoff uses gifts made to the College of Veterinary Medicine without any further restriction, also known as Annual Fund gifts, to invest in strategic priorities. In recent years, Annual Fund gifts have been used for investments in clinical programs and expanded hospital services, equipment purchases, new programs like the DNA Bank and Cornell Clinical Fellows, and faculty recruitment and retention.

May I restrict my gift for a specific use?

Restricted gifts may be designated for many particular departments and programs. When giving online at <http://www.vet.cornell.edu/gifts/> for example, you may designate your gift not only to the Annual Fund for Veterinary Medicine, but also to the Hospital for Animals, Sprecher Institute for Comparative Cancer Research, Baker Institute, Feline Health Center, Flower-Sprecher Library, Maddie's Shelter Medicine Fund, or the "other" designation with specific instructions. This list is not exhaustive, and there are other options for designating gifts. If you are interested in supporting a specific area, please contact Kevin Mahaney or Amy Robinson in the Department of Alumni Affairs, Development, and Communications at 253-3745, or email at km70@cornell.edu or alr74@cornell.edu. Please note that IRS regulations prohibit people from designating gifts for programs over which they have direct responsibility or control.

Does the College of Veterinary Medicine have specific needs or priorities?

Definitely. Gifts to the Annual Fund for Veterinary Medicine are a priority because they provide the greatest flexibility in addressing strategic priorities. Other priorities include major units of the College like the Hospital for Animals, Sprecher Institute, Baker Institute, Feline Health Center, Flower-Sprecher Library; support for student scholarships and fellowships; and faculty positions. The Office of Alumni Affairs, Development and Communications also keeps an up-to-date list of "Creative Ways to Give," which can be found at <http://www.vet.cornell.edu/gifts/docs/creativeways.pdf>.

Are my gifts tax deductible?

Yes, a Cornell gift receipt is issued for each gift.

Can I set up a recurring gift or give through payroll deduction?

Through the online giving site, <http://www.vet.cornell.edu/gifts/>, you may authorize a recurring gift on your credit card or establish an annual pledge to the College of Veterinary Medicine or one of its programs. You may also give through payroll deduction, although the current payroll deduction self service only allows gifts to support three university funds: Cornell Annual Fund, Cornell Fund for Student Aid and the Employee Emergency Fund. http://www.payroll.cornell.edu/Voluntary_Deduction_Self_Service.cfm

What is a gift to endowment?

Endowment is permanently invested capital, which generates income (called the pay out) each year to support the purpose or program for which the endowment was established. Endowment can provide unrestricted annual income for the College of Veterinary Medicine or can be directed to support a particular purpose or program. While

annual gifts are vital because they meet present needs, endowment gifts provide a source of perpetual support. Gifts of any size can be directed toward most existing endowment funds. Establishing a new fund requires a minimum gift of \$100,000 or more, depending on the purpose, which can be paid over five years. You can find more information on endowment gifts at <http://www.campaign.cornell.edu/endowment.cfm>

I'm thinking about including Cornell in my estate plans. Who can I talk to about this?

Bequests, annuities, gifts of real estate and other forms of "gift planning" allow many individuals to consider larger gifts than they would be able to make outright. And in some cases, these gifts can actually increase income during your lifetime. Experts in the University's Office of Gift Planning can help you determine the type of gift that can best fulfill your charitable goals and meet your own financial needs. A good place to start exploring options is http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/gift_planning/.

I still have questions; where do I go?

Contact the College of Veterinary Medicine Office of Alumni Affairs, Development and Communications
S1 002 Schurman Hall Phone: 253-3745 Email: vetfriends@cornell.edu

Two snakes were out taking a stroll when the son snake turns to the mother snake and asks: "Mommy! Are we poisonous?"

"Why, yes we are," says the second.

Again the baby snake asks, "Are you sure we're poisonous?"

"Yes, we are very poisonous."

The baby snake becomes very upset. Again, he asks, "Are we really, really poisonous?"

"Yes, we are really really poisonous. In fact, we're the most poisonous snakes in the world. Why do you ask?"

"I just bit my lip!!!"

FIRST ANNUAL PEDAL FOR PETS

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students,

My name is Jessica Dowling. I am the president of the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) and would like to invite you to participate in the first annual Pedal for Pets to benefit the Cornell University Hospital for Animals.

The event is on May 2, 2009, and is organized by SCAVMA. It features two options for adult riders a 33-mile route (with only a couple of hills) and a 53-mile route for those who enjoy a challenge. In addition, the students have organized a junior bike-a-thon, so that even the youngest family members can participate. At the junior bike-a-thon, riders will be able to participate in relay races, obstacle courses, interactive games, bike safety, pet information and more.

All proceeds will benefit the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. Registration for the ride begins at 9 am in the B parking lot on the Cornell University campus. Awards will be presented around 3 pm, also in the B parking lot.

On behalf of the students, I am pleased to share that we are proud to rally in support of the Cornell University Hospital for Animals and hope that you will join us. Please support this event by riding, volunteering on the day of, or pledging to support one of the riders. Ithaca is one of the best areas for cycling. We tried to find an event that would combine the areas phenomenal natural landscape with the opportunity to support the compassionate and world class care offered at the Hospital.

If you have questions, please visit www.cvmscavma.com or email me jed32@cornell.edu.

Sincerely,
Jessica Dowling

FLOWER-SPRECHER VETERINARY LIBRARY

WILEY JOURNAL BACKFILES AND E-BOOKS

Having easy access to a “Virtual Library” of electronic resources on your desktop is becoming an increasing reality. You may be interested to know that we have just acquired backfiles of veterinary journals currently published by Wiley Interscience (formerly Blackwell Publishing). While recent (from about 1998 to present) volumes of these journals have been available online for some time, these new backfiles will extend networked access back to the beginning (vol.1, no.1) for the following titles:

Anatomic, Histologia, Embryologia, 1972 to present
Australian Veterinary Journal, 1925 to present
Journal of Fish Diseases, 1978 to present
Journal of Small Animal Practice, 1960 to present
Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, 1991 to present
Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine, 1987 to present
Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics, 1978 to present
Reproduction in Domestic Animals, 1966 to present
Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia, 1970 to present
Veterinary Dermatology, 1990 to present
Veterinary Radiology and Ultrasound, 1960 to present
Veterinary Surgery, 1971 to present

In addition, we have added online access to about 115 veterinary books published by Wiley under the former Blackwell and Iowa State Press imprints. Among these are *Handbook of Applied Dog Behavior and Training* (2000); *Manual of Equine Anesthesia and Analgesia* (2006); *Tumors of Domestic Animals*, 4th ed. (2002), *Small Animal Dentistry: A Manual of Technique* (2006), *Canine and Feline Geriatric Oncology* (2007), *Color Atlas of Farm Animal Dermatology* (2007), and *Infectious Diseases of Wild Birds* (2007).

The most effective way to access these and other electronic resources is via the Library Catalog at <http://catalog.library.cornell.edu> (look for red “Networked Resource” blocks) or from “Get It! Cornell” buttons when searching databases, such as PubMed MEDLINE, CAB Abstracts, BIOSIS, Web of Science, and many other files. If you go directly to publisher’s Web sites, their IP address-based systems may not recognize you as a valid Cornell user.

The Library will continue to add new electronic backfile and ebook content as it becomes available from publishers. Our goal is to provide an extensive selection of electronic resources in veterinary medicine...on your desktop.

OFFICE OF GRADUATE EDUCATION

The Office of Graduate Education has a lot of exciting news to share!

New PhDs (January 2009)

Elizabeth Bassity (Immunology, Faculty Mentor -- Ted Clark)

Catherine Chen (Pharmacology, Faculty Mentor -- Ruth Collins)

Nabanita De (Chemistry & Chemical Biology, Faculty Mentor -- Rick Cerione)

Meisha Morelli (Molecular & Integrative Physiology, Faculty Mentor -- Paula Cohen)

Fan Mou (Comparative Biomedical Sciences, Faculty Mentor -- Joel Baines)

Christian Nelson (Comparative Biomedical Sciences, Faculty Mentor -- Colin Parrish)

Heather O’Neil (Microbiology, Faculty Mentor -- Helene Marquis)

Robert Ossiboff (Comparative Biomedical Sciences, Faculty Mentor -- John Parker) Ossiboff is a dual degree student, so he is currently still a student at the College, completing the DVM portion of his program.

Meagan Wisniewski (Comparative Biomedical Sciences, Faculty Mentor -- John Parker)

MS Graduates

June Eillenberger (Molecular & Integrative Physiology, Faculty Mentor -- Ellis Loew)

ON THE ROAD

The challenging economy has certainly had an impact on private philanthropy for the College of Veterinary Medicine, as it has across the University, but we continue to benefit from the generosity of many donors. Although some significant gift conversations have been deferred, we have made good progress toward our fiscal year 2009 goal of \$13.9 million in new gifts and commitments—with \$12.5 million raised during the first three quarters. As donors continue to honor previous pledges on schedule, we have actually seen an increase in total cash gifts over the previous year. And while unrestricted giving to the Annual Fund for Veterinary Medicine is down 11 percent, the

number of Annual Fund donors has increased this year. More donors, even making smaller gifts, shows a strong level of commitment to the work of the College and bodes well for the future. Progress toward our goals for the “Far Above...” campaign also continues on pace, with \$65.7 million in gifts and pledges as of March 31 toward our target of \$80 million by 2011.

Over 300 alumni and their guests are expected to return for Reunion Weekend, June 4-7. Among the highlights of the weekend include tours of the hospitals, the Janet L. Swanson Wildlife Center and Equine Park. A barbecue at Weill Hall is planned, as well as time for alumni to mix and mingle with current faculty.

Invitations to specific events will be forthcoming. See the web for a full schedule of activities. www.vet.cornell.edu/alumni/reunion/

The Cornell University Hospital for Animals continues to steward its new clients and works to identify generous and grateful clients. With the help of the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development, the hospital has received over \$11,500 in four months from these clients. Thanks to all hospital staff who have been involved in coordinating and supporting this effort. If you know of a client you believe has the ability to make a gift to the hospital or the College, please let Amy Robinson know (3-3742 or alr74).

Q: If fruit grows on a fruit tree, then what does chicken grow on?

A: A Poul-try

IN THE NEWS

In the article “Danbury area vets urge puppy owners to vaccinate for parvovirus” on **NewsTimesLIVE.com**, Colin Parrish, professor of virology said: “Parvovirus used to be a cat virus, but it mutated to canines and spread around the world, killing many dogs before vaccinations were created.”

DVM360.com reported on the Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) scare in “CEM probe continues, involves 711 horses in 46 states” and noted the two sessions that were going to be held at Cornell’s

College of Veterinary Medicine to educate veterinarians on the sexually transmitted disease.

In a **Boston.com** article “Which are safer to live with, dogs or cats?” Dr. Ed Dubovi, director of virology, was quoted, “The reality, fortunately, is that transmission of infectious diseases from pets to people is a relatively rare event.”

WorldPoultry.net, **ThePoultrySite.com**, and **DVM360.com** all reported on the new Poultry Examination and Diagnostics multimedia DVD tool created by Cornell’s Partners

in Animal Health and director Jodi Korich.

Dr. Brenda Griffin, director of clinical programs in shelter medicine, commented on the Frederick County shelter in Maryland and their desire to improve the services that they offer in an article on **FrederickNewsPost.com** titled “Love at first sight.”

The Cornell Daily Sun reported Senator Kirsten Gillibrand’s recent visit to Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine for a roundtable discussion in “Gillibrand Visits Cornell to Establish Term’s Focus.”